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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) In a building having a layered wall comprising an inner wall

component, an outer wall component, and at least one moisture control strip disposed

between the inner wall component and the outer wall component, the at least one moisture control strip [[comprises]] comprising an elongate member having first and

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second wall component contacting faces, wherein the second wall component contacting face is opposed to the first wall component contacting face, and wherein the

member has a width across the first and second wall component contacting faces.

wherein the first wall component interface side has a plurality of projections defined

thereon, wherein in use the projections are spaced vertically from each other, wherein

each projection is separated from adjacent vertically spaced projections by a groove

that in use extends downwardly, each groove having two open ends such that the

groove is configured to permit drainage of liquids collected therein.

(previously amended) The moisture control strip of claim 1, wherein the moisture control strip has a plurality of apertures extending from the second wall component

contacting face to the grooves.

3. (previously amended) The moisture control strip of claim 1, wherein each projection

on the moisture control strip extends across the entire width of the elongate member.

4. (previously amended) The moisture control strip of claim 1, wherein each groove has

an upper face, a lower face and an inner face, and wherein the upper and lower faces

are angled downwards in a direction into the moisture control strip.

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(previously amended) The moisture control strip of claim 1, wherein the projections each have a wall component contacting surface defined thereon and a second groove

defined in each wall component contacting surface, wherein the second groove is

generally parallel to the longitudinal direction of the moisture control strip.

6. (previously amended) A wall comprising an inner wall component, an outer wall

component, and a plurality of moisture control strips disposed between the inner wall component and the outer wall component, the moisture control strips each including an

elongate member having a first wall component contacting face with a plurality of

vertically spaced projections defined thereon and a second wall component contacting

face and wherein the projections engage one of the inner wall component and the outer

wall component, and wherein the second wall component contacting face engages the

other of the inner wall component and the outer wall component, wherein each

projection is separated from adjacent vertically spaced projections by a groove that in

use extends downwardly, each groove having two open ends such that the groove is

configured to permit drainage of liquids collected therein, wherein the moisture control

strips are horizontally spaced from each other within the wall.

7. (previously amended) The wall of claim 6, wherein the moisture control strip has a plurality of apertures extending from the second wall component contacting face to the

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grooves.

8. (previously amended) The wall of claim 6, wherein each projection on the moisture

control strip extends across the entire width of the elongate member.

9. (previously amended) The wall of claim 6, wherein each groove has an upper face, a

lower face and an inner face, and wherein the upper and lower faces are angled

downwards in a direction into the moisture control strip.

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10. (previously amended) The wall of claim 6, wherein the projections each have a wall component contacting surface defined thereon, and a second groove defined in each wall component contacting surface, wherein the second groove is generally parallel to the longitudinal direction of the moisture control strip.

- 11. (cancelled)
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- 13. (previously presented) The moisture control strip of claim 2, wherein the second wall component contacting face has recesses that in use extend horizontally and are in fluid flow communication with the apertures.
- 14. (previously presented) The moisture control strip of claim 13, wherein the apertures are provided in the recesses.
- 15. (previously presented) The wall of claim 6, wherein the second wall component contacting face has recesses that in use extend horizontally and are in fluid flow communication with the apertures.
- 16. (previously presented) The wall of claim 15, wherein the apertures are provided in the recesses.